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Honorable Paul Wellstone
United States Senate
702 Senate Hart Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Wellstone:

This is in reply to your letter of February 26, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of your constituent, Minnesota State Senator Dallas Sams, regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituent is specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your constituent's concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. Your constituent's letter will be included in the record of the proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,



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Senate
State of Minnesota

February 18, 1993

The Honorable Paul Wellstone
United States Senator
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Dear Congressman Wellstone:

I wish to take this opportunity to ask for your assistance on a matter that is very important to me personally, and to many people I represent as a Minnesota State Senator.

The issue which concerns me is the FCC's proposal to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting frequencies in the 72-76 Mhz band into smaller ones and by limiting those frequencies available for radio control of model airplanes.

This proposal is known as NPRM - FR Docket 92-235.

I understand the motive behind this proposal, but I am not satisfied that the FCC has thoroughly thought this through

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Radio controlled model plane operators like myself need our full compliment of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

The radio controlled model operators have considerable investments in these planes and radio equipment. And besides being a hobby which provided hours of enjoyment to us, this hobby also assists in the development of the commercial aviation industry.

Again, I would respectfully request that you use your power of office to prohibit the FCC from going forward with NPRM-PR Docket 92-235. It is a massive frequency restructuring which must be reconsidered.

Sincerely,



Dallas Sams
State Senator